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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A face imaging device having an illumination light source for illuminating a visible light to a face is disposed in a casing having an opening formed at the front thereof for inserting the face as an object to be imaged. A light diffusion plate is disposed between the opening and the illumination light source for diffusing a light illuminated from the illumination light source to the front side of the face, and an imaging camera for imaging the face through a permeation hole formed in the light diffusion plate is located at the back thereof. A face holding mechanism holds the face as an object at a focused focal point of the imaging camera by a head support member capable of adjusting the forward-to-backward and vertical positions for restricting the position of a head by abutment against a head top non-observation region of the face inserted in the casing, and a jaw rest restricts the position of the jaw in accordance with the imaging direction such that the front and the right or left cheeks of the face are faced to the imaging camera. A light shielding body is located between the illumination light source and the imaging camera for shielding a light incident to the imaging camera without transmitting the permeation hole, among the lights illuminated from the illumination light source.